It's almost here, it's almost here! Faith, Love, Hope, the Moravian Archives' newest, is well on its way to publication. It is at the printer now, and by late June it should be ready for you to snap up at your bookseller or at the Archives.

Faith, Love, Hope is subtitled A History of the Unitas Fratrum, and it tells the story of the pioneer Protestant church known as the Unity — the Unitas Fratrum and by heritage the early Moravian Church.

Begun in 1457, the Unity in the following two centuries developed a rich heritage of church organization, liturgies, hymns, and confessions that echo even today in the Moravian Church, which just last year celebrated its 550th anniversary.

Faith, Love, Hope is written by C. Daniel Crews, archivist of the Moravian Church, Southern Province, and he has drawn on his unique and popular style of wit and insight to tell the thrilling and ultimately tragic story of the Ancient Unity.

Crews opens Faith, Love, Hope with a concise but thorough account of the development of the Church in Western Europe. This sets the stage for the events to follow — the trial and execution of John Hus and the Hussite wars, the birth of the Unity and the Protestant Reformation, the Unity at its full maturity, then banned and exiled in the Counter-Reformation and Thirty See Unity History, page 4
With your help, even our failures are a triumph

Dear Friends of the Archives: We failed.
It was our every intention this newsletter to show off a newly conserved 18th-century wall map of Salem. It was made in April 1777 by Christian Gottlieb Reuter, the Moravians' surveyor and master mapmaker, and it might have been his last major work, since he died just eight months later, in December 1777.

But our conservator has been very busy and is still working on the map. That means we won't be able to show it off until next fall's Annotations. Stay tuned. . . .

Meanwhile, your generous contributions are also at work in other areas of the Moravian Archives.

The Springplace mission project continues with only a few more years of correspondence remaining to be translated. We look forward to its completion and the publication of the only account of daily life in the Cherokee nation.

Records transcriber Grace Robinson is enjoying her new computer, purchased through your generosity. She is digitizing not only Cherokee records but also minutes of Aufseher Collegium, the board of trustees of Salem in its early years.

Our web site, MoravianArchives.org, continues to receive its full support from Friends of the Archives. Take a look at its growing library of ebooks — Memorial Days, containing accounts of the early days of the Renewed Moravian Church; the Ratio Disciplinae, or church constitution, of the Ancient Unity; the first English translation of the Bohemian Confession of 1575. More ebooks will be coming soon.

Increasingly too, as churches struggle to meet their budgets, we must rely on Friends to support the operating budget, for without lights, heat, air condition, and people, there would be no Moravian Archives.

Last year 254 individuals and families contributed $28,572.38 to the on-going work of the Moravian Archives. This compares with $30,280 from 257 contributors in 2006. We express many thanks to all who have made this possible with your generosity. And if you are not yet a Friend of the Archives, let us extend an invitation to join in this adventure of preserving and proclaiming Moravian history and heritage.

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Unity history coming soon

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Years War, to Bishop John Amos Comenius in his old age seeing his beloved Unity dying — and then beyond.

To tell this complex but fascinating story, Crews researched numerous publications, both major and minor, as well as unpublished translations of the Lissa Folios, the records of the Ancient Unity itself. In addition, Crews drew on his own extensive knowledge of the life and theology of John Hus and the early Unity.

We really are proud of this one. Generously illustrated with 63 pictures and three maps, and with a gripping story to tell, Faith, Love, Hope is one compelling history. And all for $29.95 retail plus sales tax for this beautiful hardbound 440-page publication.

About the 'other' book

Whenever we speak of the Unity history, people always respond, "Yes, but what about the other book."

Of course that is the Unity cookbook, which we have given the working title Around the World Unity Cookbook.

Archivist-chef C. Daniel Crews has collected recipes from Moravian Church centers throughout the world (a big thank-you to all who contributed!). Recipes have been taste-tested, many by Archives and Moravian Music Foundation staff (thumbs-up to all!).

All that remains is to paginate the recipes and prepare the book for printing. And then it too will be off to the printer.

Our goal is to have the Unity cookbook on sale by fall — in time for the bazaar and Christmas buying season.